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JOE FAURE PRESIDENT SENIOR 4-H

Joe Faure Jr., Vandalia 4-H club, has been elected president of the Tulare County Senior 4-H club and with other officers will be installed at a ceremony in Porterville September 4. Location of the installation meeting has not been selected as yet.

Other Senior 4-H officers are: Luther Kouchoukian, Visalia 4-H, vice president; Margaret Lopez, Earlimart 4-H, secretary-reporter; Gene Tartaglia, also Earlimart 4-H, treasurer.

Mr. Faure states that immediate business of the Senior 4-H group includes planning of the year's program, with a committee, to be named, to meet soon.

Planned at the recent election meeting, held at the Kouchoukian ranch, was a Senior 4-H booth that will be shown at the Tulare county fair in September. Following the business session of this meeting, swimming, games and dancing were enjoyed by 4-H members attending.

Outlying Areas Buck On Veteran Memorial Plan

By Bill Rodgers
(Editorial)

In reviewing developments in formation of the Porterville Veterans' Memorial district, we stated last week that early in the game, even back in 1946 while the district was in process of formation, some changes of thinking were developing.

We pointed out that original thought was for construction of a relatively modest building to be used primarily as a meeting place.

POINT NO. 2

In only five years a modest meeting place for veterans has grown into a public auditorium-recreation center - school building in Porterville, plus a community building in Springville. Equally great, or greater ideas can develop in the next five years, with funds provided by general taxation but with control vested in a board that legally must be composed of veterans only.

for veterans but that when local committees took hold of the proposition, the modest building became a public auditorium of considerable size that would serve for community gatherings and as a center for community recreation programs.

This change of thinking has continued and now the meeting place for veterans that grew into a public auditorium has further progressed into a high school

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PACKER PLAYOFF

Arnold Kannady will probably be on the mound when the Porterville Packers meet the Wasco Merchants in the second game of the championship playoff series at the Porterville Municipal ball park tomorrow (Friday) evening. The Packers took the series opener in Wasco last night, 4-2, as Truman Clevenger let Wasco down with four hits while the locals were nipping C. Demaree for 11 hits. Third game in the series will be played in the town that has the best attendance at its first home game of the series.

West's Largest Farm Bureau Sets Porterville Meet

The largest county Farm Bureau in the 11 western states — the Tulare County Farm Bureau, that is — will discuss a membership program at a southern county meeting to be held at Gang Sue's Chinese Tea Garden in Porterville the evening of Thursday, August 30, at 7:30 o'clock.

Roy Barr, organization chairman for the Tulare County Farm Bureau, states that record of largest membership has come about through work of Center officers and members.

He says that the August 30 meeting has been called to discuss county coordination with a state-wide plan to secure new Farm Bureau members — a plan designed to further increase Farm Bureau membership.

Centers that will be represented at the Porterville meeting include: Alpaugh, Burton, Ducor, Lindsay, Pixley, Poplar, Porterville, Prairie Center, Springville, Terra Bella and Woodville.

The new membership program, to be carefully planned in Tulare county, will be the foundation of an early and successful membership year in 1952, Mr. Barr states.

LOWER TULE DISTRICT MOVES AHEAD

A second Improvement district within the Lower Tule River Irrigation district is now ready to go, with Lower Tule directors declaring that sufficient signatures were on a petition, presented at a board meeting Tuesday, asking formation of Improvement District No. 2.

The Improvement district will include about 15,000 acres and is in the area just north of Improvement District No. 1 (a story on this district appears in this issue of The Farm Tribune.) A third improvement district within the Lower Tule is also in the process of formation.

Improvement districts are being set up in the Lower Tule River Irrigation district in order that farmers with common water problems can work together and so that expenses can be paid by farmers who receive the direct benefits.

Directors of the Lower Tule district will sit as a board of equalization at the district office in Woodville, beginning August 31 at 10 a.m. Ranchers within the district who have ques-

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Memorial District Board Discusses Plans And Actions At Meeting Of Porterville Grange Monday Evening

Location of a veterans' memorial building on Sinarle property opposite Porterville high school, and condemnation of this property as a building site, were defended Monday evening by members of the Porterville Veterans Memorial district board at a meeting of the Porterville Grange, held in Murry park.

Speaking for the Memorial district board of directors were Directors Aubrey M. Lumley Jr., Willard Wall and Reuben Gilliam, also Guy Knapp Jr., attorney for the district.

In a question and answer discussion it was stated that the Memorial district now has something over \$280,000, that tax rate of the district is 30 cents, that price of land and cost of constructing a memorial building will determine how much money the district will eventually need.

Mr. Lumley stated that as soon as sufficient funds are raised, intention of the board is to drop the tax rate to two or three cents, necessary for maintenance.

Community organizations will be able to use a memorial building, however a fee will be charged; veterans can use the building without charge, it was stated.

Mr. Wall said that directors have in mind a multiple purpose auditorium, containing a stage, and suitable for banquets and indoor athletic events. Basement facilities would provide a recreation center for young people of the community; the site, is near both the high school and Bartlett elementary school.

Mr. Lumley and Mr. Gilliam pointed out that the board is limited as to what it can build, that the building will be primarily for all veterans, not necessarily specific groups of veterans; that it is mandatory under the law that a place be provided for veterans to meet; that there are no legal restrictions as to size.

Mr. Gilliam said no veteran organization could hope to build facilities large enough to handle all of its functions; he predicted that

veteran organizations will increase in membership.

He also told of need for indoor athletic facilities. He said that if city groups want an indoor area, they go to Strathmore or use high school facilities in the afternoon.

Mr. Wall said it is not right to differentiate between veterans and non-veterans, since practically all families include veterans.

Mr. Lumley said that Sinarle property on west Olive street is now under condemnation. He said original board offer had been \$45,-

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SALE MADE TO CANADIAN RANCH

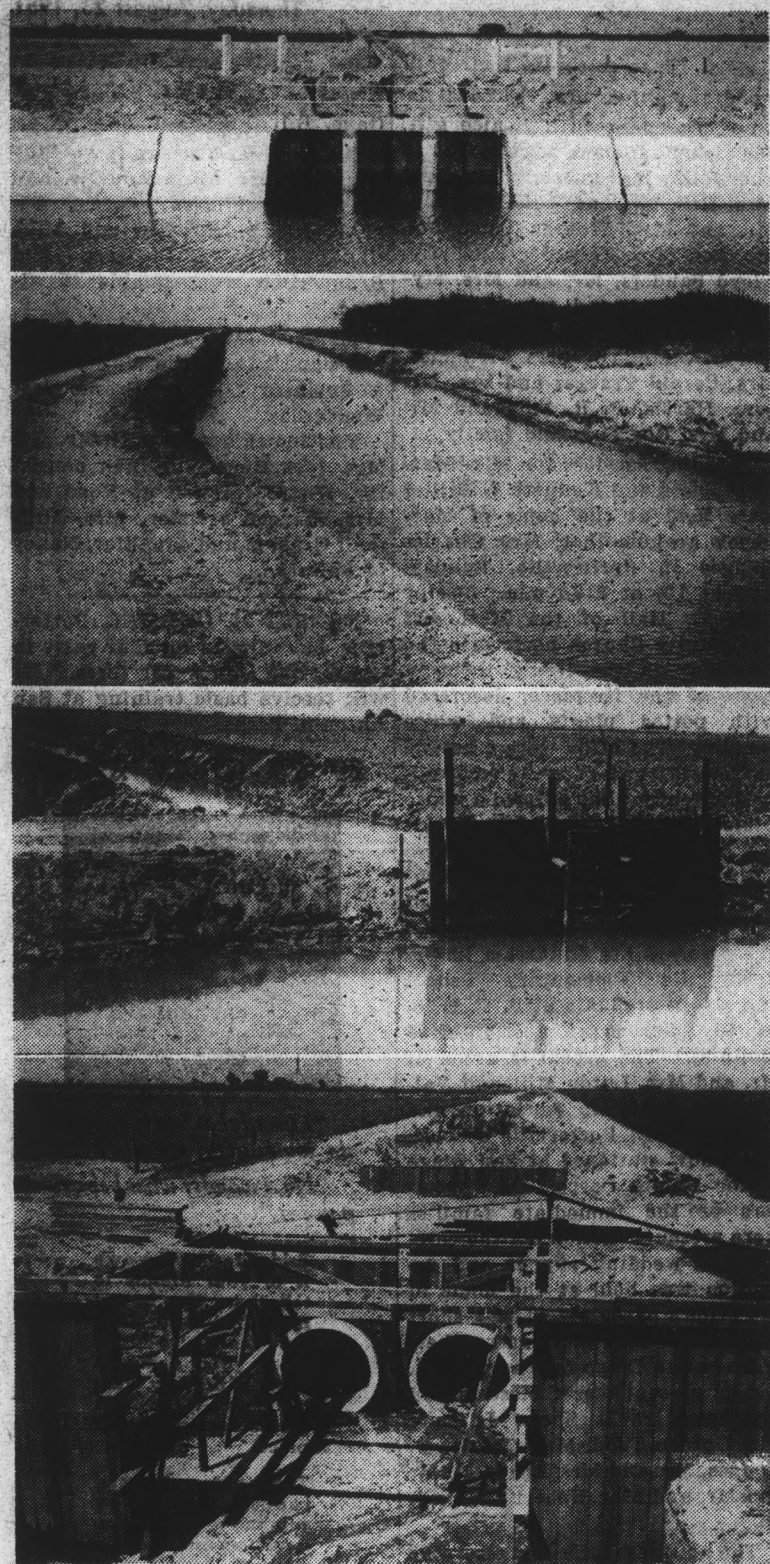
Business is where you find it, and George Overcash, at Porterville Farm Implement company is finding it in some rather distant places.

Mr. Overcash has just completed the sale of an implement carrier to the Nicola Stock Farms at Nicola, B. C., Canada, and a few months ago made a similar sale to the Walking T ranch at Ellensburg, Washington.

Seems that these ranches heard of the implement carrier through John Guthrie, White River cattleman. Apparently, the local carrier, manufactured in Fresno, tops competing products sold in the Pacific Northwest.

SIERRA RODEO

Rodeo fans and cowboys will be pointing their mechanized broncs for Jonsondale this coming weekend, when the mountain lumber center knocks off work long enough to entertain with its annual High Sierra Rodeo, Sunday, August 26. John McNally will bring in his stock for bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, team roping, calf roping and bull riding Sunday afternoon. Festivities will get underway Saturday night with the annual cowboy dance. The rodeo is RCA approved.



PROJECT NOW under way in Improvement District No. 1 in the Lower Tule River Irrigation district will result in transportation of Central Valley project water from the Friant Kern canal some 19 to 20 miles to the west edge of the district. Photos show outlet at the Friant-Kern canal; water now in the district canal; an outlet for irrigation purposes and work on a pipe system to take canal water under a county road. The work is planned and administered by a committee of farmers within the Improvement district and by the Lower Tule district officials. (Farm Tribune photos.)

Farmers Handle Own Problem Of Water Distribution In Lower Tule Improvement District No. 1

Problem of getting Central Valley project water to their lands is being handled by farmers themselves in Improvement District No. 1 along the south side of the Lower Tule River Irrigation district, with water already flowing in the west end of a canal that is being constructed to extend some 19 to 20 miles from the Friant Kern canal, under highway 99, and to the west boundary of the district.

The canal, being constructed at a cost of \$176,000, has a capacity of 200 cubic feet per second for a distance of four miles from the Friant-Kern canal. Capacity then drops to 150 cubic feet per second to Highway 99; drops to 100

cubic feet west of 99 then to 50
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'52 FAIR PLANS ARE PROGRESSING

Harry Britton plans to attend the California State fair in Sacramento to check displays and features that may be brought to the 1952 Porterville Junior Livestock Show and fair that will be held May 22, 23 and 24. At a recent meeting, fair directors voted to hire Mr. Britton from October 1 to March 31 at \$25 per month and for April and May at \$200 per month, with Mr. Britton to start work now on lining up next year's fair.

YOUTH WILL BE FEATURED THIS YEAR ON PROGRAM OF TULARE COUNTY FAIR

"We're featuring Youth this year at the Tulare County Fair."

The above statement, coming from Secretary-Manager Alfred Elliott, appeared to set the theme of the Fair, September 18th through 23rd, with youth becoming more active in Fair activities than ever before.

Harold Hargis, head of the Horticulture and Agriculture departments at the Fair, corroborated this statement when he reported that both 4-H and FFA activity

and enthusiasm so far on Fair work has already surpassed former years.

"The young set is doing extremely well," he said.

In the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies departments, chairman Mrs. Arline Hargis reports that 4-H homework and sewing divisions will have more space than ever before.

"The 4-H will have a section all to themselves this year," she added.
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Youth Will Be Featured

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ed, "instead of having to share space with the senior domestic arts group."

There will be a 4-H tractor driving contest, for the first time, with time allotted for the test in front of the main grandstand. The contest, which has drawn some of the biggest audiences at other fairs, includes the driving of tractors by 4-H'ers over complicated obstacle courses, with thrills and narrow escapes the order of the occasion.

"It's not that the senior groups will be less in evidence," Elliott said, "They are still the backbone of the Fair. And the annual Pioneer Day, one of the biggest attractions of the six-day fair, will be held as usual. But the Future citizens of the county will be given a greater share than ever of the Fair."

EUGENE T. GABLE, Lindsay, has been named president of the Tulare County Tuberculosis and Health association following the resignation of Sidney D. Law, Exeter.

Total acreage of fall tomatoes in California is estimated at 19,000 acres, a thousand acres under last year. Tulare county has 200 acres.

Winners Announced In Photo Club Contest

Winners in a contest showing of colored pictures taken at Sequoia were announced as Virgil Roome, first; Virgil Moore, second and Holly Borum, third, the contest being held as a feature of a meeting of the Porterville Photography club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Basye on Scenic Heights, Monday evening.

Judges in the contest were Jim Lusk, Carl Driscoll and A. H. Hilton. Named as a committee to prepare pictures entered in future contests were Holly Borum, Lloyd Brown and Harold Borum.

Welcomed as a new club member was Mrs. Betty Ann Muse; Norman Atkin showed a collection of slides taken in Yosemite valley and refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the hostess at the close of the evening.

Next meeting was set for the Porterville college lounge, the evening of September 10; a field trip over the Labor Day weekend was cancelled.

EARL E. MITCHELL, Porterville, has enlisted in the regular army airborne for a period of three years. He will receive advanced training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

SPRINGVILLE NEWS

By Winnie Gage

A shower for Miss Marjorie Spees was held at the home of Mrs. E. E. Lyman with co-hostess, Mrs. W. M. Durbin. The evening was spent opening gifts and visiting. The guests were: Mesdames Mark Borror, Vernon Gill, Charles Henson, Cecil Vernon, Wm. Hart, Monty Gifford, John B. Spees, R. H. Shaw, Bette Johnson, Lois Daniel, E. M. McDonald, George Haigh, Ira L. Spees, W. C. Radeleff, Bruce Borror, James Tabor, Ollie Hall, Clyde Hubbs, Loren McDonald, Monte Finley, Carson Maynard, H. L. Womack, Edward Rouch, James Vaughn, Allan Root, Charles P. Hodges, Ira L. Spees, Jr., Helen De Santos, Misses Carol and Irene Fox, Carol Unser, Rose McLoftin, Nancy and Harriet Smith, Pat Henson, and Virginia Radeleff. Sending gifts but unable to attend were: Mesdames Lawrence Webb, Ward Hodges, Gordon Todd, Lloyd Skiles, Lawrence Unser, Marcia Clark, J. Gregg, Leila Davenport, Lawrence Johns, Paul Douglas, Jack Sanders, Jesse Wyatt, Hazel Fisk, Misses Ina Vaughn and Stella Unser.

Mrs. Urilla Herbert who has spent the past month with her sister, Mrs. E. Herbert left Monday to visit a son, Ira, in Point Richmond, before returning to her home in Douglas, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders spent the weekend in Sacramento with Mrs. Sanders' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Wilson and also attended the wedding of a nephew.

Mrs. Helen Ogg of Alhambra is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ogan.

Mrs. Raymond Grimes and children, Evelyn and Kenneth and Ina Vaughn returned Saturday from a three week trip to Huntsville, Ark.

Mrs. Frank Keough of Los Angeles spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnson. Frank came Saturday and spent the weekend.

A birthday party honoring the tenth birthday of Karen Skiles was held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening, August 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Skiles, Springville. Games were played, prizes being awarded to Larry Smith and Eloise Farley, after which gifts were opened by the honoree. Refreshments of cake, cup cakes, candy, ice cream and punch were served after which the children enjoyed roller skating at the newly opened Springville Community Slab. Those attending the party were: Barbara Beeson, Martha Smith, Eva Jean and Gloria Hodge, Betty Sue Gann, Marlene Hogan, Marilyn Douglas, Sharron and Larry Smith, Veronica Finley, Eloise and Jim Farley, Charles and Alvin Duncan, Carol and Rodney Avery, Lorette and Carol Hance, Mary Beth Washburn, Rev. and Mrs. O. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Farley, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rankin, Mrs. Kelsey Duncan and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Skiles. Sending gifts but unable to attend were: Connie and Barbara Corzine and Cloye Reynolds.

The Springville Hobby Club met at the home of Mrs. Winnie Gage, Friday, August 17. Present were: Mrs. Lucille Herbert, Mrs. E. Herbert, Mrs. Ruth Shoup, Mrs. Crystal Johnson, Mrs. Lara Gage; visitors were: Mrs. U. Herbert, Douglas, Arizona, Mrs. Terisia Keough, Los Angeles, Mrs. Eulaha Carter and Mrs. Virginia Luna, Strathmore, and Mrs. Kay Carter of Lindsay. Each one worked on some kind of handcraft. The next meeting will be held Friday, September 14, at Murry Park in Porterville with 12 o'clock, potluck dinner, where they will be shown demonstration of Textile painting and various handcrafts. Anyone interested may attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris were completely surprised by a group of friends last Wednesday evening,

August 15, to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. The Harris' were presented with a nice gift. Ice cream and cake were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Fees, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Giddings and son, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Traeger, Mrs. Bernice Pfrimmer, Mrs. Gerald Traeger and son, Mr. Wm. Harris, P. R. Poly and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Poly and family.

Wedding services for Miss Marjorie Spees and Kenneth L. Miller were held at the home of Marjorie's grandmother, Mrs. Charles Hodges in Springville, Sunday, August 19, at 2:30 p.m. Pastor Ollie E. Hall of the Methodist Community Church performed the ceremony in the living room in front of the fireplace, decorated with potted plants and white candles. The bride wore a ballerina length gown of white embroidered organdy. She carried a white Bible with heirloom lace handkerchief. Her attendants were Sally Welch and Raymond Glithera. The bride is the daughter of Ira L. Spees, Jr., of Springville. She received her education in the Springville Elementary School and was a graduate of P. U. H. S. in '51. She is an accomplished violinist. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lutan Miller of Valijo, receiving his education and graduation at Porterville schools. He is now stationed at San Diego in the Marine Corps. Only members of the immediate families were present. Following the ceremony a wedding supper and reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. After a short honeymoon they will make their home in San Diego for the present. Guests present were: Messers and Mesdames Ira L. Spees, Jr., and Sam Gordon Todd, Mrs. Charles P. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Lutan Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Crossno.

The annual family birthday dinner of the Gage family was held Sunday, August 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman J. Gage. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gage, Porterville, Mr. and Mrs. Elby Hardwood and daughters, Peggy, Deanne, and Linda, and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Kouklis and son, Andy Jr., of Delano, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gage of Bakersfield, Mrs. J. R. Gage and children, Mike, Patty and Jo Reen of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Grimes and son, Kenneth, of Springville. Nine members of the

Gage family have birthdays in August. Three sons, S/Sgt. J. R. Gage, Bill Gage and twin S/Sgt. Bob Gage. Two son-in-laws, Elby Harwood and Andy Kouklis, and four grandchildren, Peggy, Deanne, Linda Harwood and Mike Gage. S/Sgt. J. R. Gage and S/Sgt. Bob were unable to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fees, Fred Wells and Mrs. Willie Weiser made a business trip to Fresno last Wednesday.

Visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hensley is their daughter, Kitty Marshall of Reno and Mrs. Hensley's sister, Mrs. Marshall Graham and daughter, Nancy of Salinas.

ERNEST M. GEMMEL, Porterville, has enlisted for four years in the United States Air force. He will receive basic training at San Antonio, Texas.



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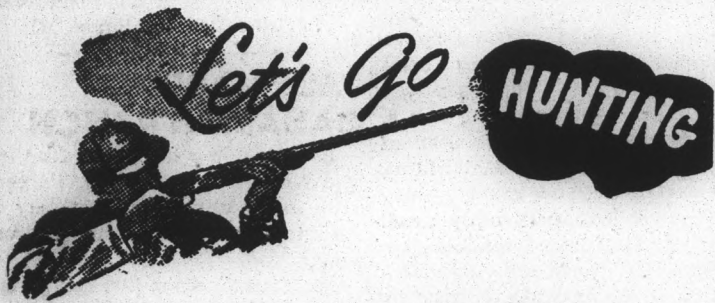
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FOUNTAIN SPRINGS

Grandpa Gardner is now visiting at L. W. Howeth's.

Mrs. Carver is now visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. W. Hewey.

Henry Sorrels showed us some rich specimens of auriferous quartz, taken from his Blue Mountain mine.

Miss Kate Allen was out last week on a short visit. Miss Lizzie Howeth accompanied her back to Porterville.

Mr. Brown of White River is freighting from Porterville to White River. He hauls 30 cwt. with a span of horses.

A drove of 159 head of cattle, belonging to L. L. Gill of Frazier Valley, passed here, Sunday. They were being driven from Owens river, requiring two weeks for the trip.

DEER CREEK

Mrs. J. Cissna is visiting Mrs. Templeton at the Vaughn ranch.

D. A. Vaughn is down from Stockton, looking after his interests here.

F. Atkins would like the people who borrowed his "nine porkers" to return them at once, and any further familiarity with said party might be uncomfortable if repeated.

Roads are in fair condition now except for a few mud holes and we are patiently waiting for our turn to come and believe it will be before long, as people will commence to sink out of sight by the time we have another rain. To save the trouble of digging them out we need a preventative in the shape of a general overhauling of bad places in the roads.

WHITE RIVER

Dr. J. A. Snodgrass, who had been very ill, is able to be around again.

H. L. Manter has returned to Porterville to attend to his cattle business.

J. D. Flaughter, who has been doing jury duty in Bakersfield, returned this week.

Burchard Fine picked up a \$10 nugget in the Slate Range district last week.

F. Cook, of Fountain Springs, has discovered a rich vein of quartz near his ranch.

W. C. Burton was down from Blue Mountain this week and reports his mine looks fine.

Dr. G. T. Van Vorhees has moved to Kernville where he will locate. We will have to look to Porterville when we need a doctor now.

PORTERVILLE

L. J. Ross, of Hanford, arrived Tuesday and expects to return today with his wife, who has been visiting Mrs. J. B. Sutherland and family. Mr. Ross was accompanied by I. Ivancovich, a merchant of Hanford, who returned yesterday after visiting the surrounding orchards.

S. J. R. Gilbert and family were completely surprised last Friday evening by a large number of friends who went to their house and found "mine host" retired for the night. But they were equal to the occasion and entertained their visitors right royally. Among those present were: Mrs. A. Leslie, J. F. Boller and wife, W. Duncan and wife, Rev. Milligan and wife, Mrs. I. T. Halford, Misses Lulu Beebe, Grace Redfield, Edith Reas, Messrs. Frank Wright, Frank Eckles, H. Frame, Fred Bearss and G. L. Robbins.

Gerald R. Lumley is here to stay. No monkey business about the policies he issues. You can always see him and get all the explanation you require after receiving your policy.

A Man got Shot at A. J. Delaney's Hardware store yesterday because it was cheaper than elsewhere.

THE FARM TRIBUNE August 29, 1947

Farmers of the eastern Tulare county area are being asked to subscribe for membership in the Tulare County Rural Housing association, a non-profit cooperative set up to assume responsibility for operation of the Woodville Farm Labor Supply Center and a similar center at Farmersville.

Board of directors of the housing association is composed of Homer Power, Lindsay, president; Bryant Jennings, Visalia, vice president; Fred Williams, Cotton Center, secretary-treasurer; Carl Pennebaker and Eben Pinkham, Exeter, directors.

Celery planting is well under way along the old Hot Springs road east of Terra Bella and at Cannella Brothers ranch at Ducor, with more than 100 acres expected to be grown in these areas on a commercial basis.

Picking of high-quality Cranshaw melons for the "luxury market" of southern California, is

FISH OR FEATHERS

By Phil The Forester

The Western Division of the Outdoor Writers Association of America was organized a little over a year ago at which time Ted Powell, veteran fish and wildlife editor of the San Francisco Chronicle was elected president. J. Hammond Brown, outdoor editor of the Baltimore News-Post and executive director of the OWAA paid some of the western outdoor writers a visit at that time and assisted in the organization work.

It was the opinion of all concerned that the fish and game problems west of the Rocky Mountains had their own definite peculiarities, considerably varied from those of the east thereof.

OWAA headquarters recognized the West's water shortage and diversion problems, great expanse of public lands and livestock-big game competition, tremendous population growth and new fishing and hunting pressure and finally, reclamation and extensive dam construction resulting in a threat to the waterfowl of the Pacific Flyway and migratory fish species. Accordingly, the OWAA directors sanctioned a separate or OWAA Western Division for concentrated attention and action.

Western Division's territory is composed of Alaska, Yukon Territory, British Columbia, Alberta, Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming.

At present there are approximately 125 western division outdoor writers in the total OWAA membership of some 1,500.

Memberships are classified as A, B and C. Group "A" are members of the press who write a column or articles on a regular schedule for newspapers, radio or television. Group "B" are members of editorial staffs of recognized magazines, artists and photographers, all dealing with outdoor subjects. Group "C" include officials and members of the informational and educational staff of State, Federal and National bureaus and other organizations engaging in forwarding

the cause of preservation and restoration of the outdoors and its natural resources, also in teaching the tenets of good sportsmanship and full enjoyment of the open places.

At a recent meeting of the OWAA in Escanaba, Michigan, the following officers and directors of the Western Division were elected: Honorary President: Tod Powell, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco, Calif.

President: Joe Mears, The Star-News, Pasadena, Calif.

Secretary: G. W. (Phil) Philpott, newspaper columnist, radio and magazine ed., 1278 Arthur, Fresno, California.

Directors:
Group A Ed Neal, The News, San Francisco, Calif.;* Ted Trueblood, Statewide, Boise, Idaho;* Donald C. Harger, Salem Oregon Statesman, Salem Oregon;* Lee Straight, Vancouver Sun, Vancouver, B. C.;* Wally Taber, Enos Bradner, Times, Seattle, The Post, Denver, Colorado; Washington.

Group B Arthur Carhart, Denver, Colorado;* Frank Dufresne, Olympia, Washington; Charles C. Niehuis, Phoenix, Arizona.

Group C Seth Gordon, San Francisco, Calif.;* Earl N. Ohmer, Petersburg, Alaska; William H. Browning, Helena, Montana.

* indicates appointment to represent Western Division on the OWAA board of directors and Joe Mears is National OWAA vice president along with Ries Tuttle, Iowa; Henry P. Davis, Connecticut, Larry Cook, Ohio and E. Budd Marter III, New Jersey, J. Hammond Brown was reelected president and executive director.

President Mears reports that tentative plans call for two meetings during the ensuing fiscal year. The first for the near future, possibly in Las Vegas, Nevada, where the scribes can have a go at Lake Mead. The second which Mears hopes can be worked into an annual event would be for June in Montana in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Western Association of State Fish and Game Commissioners provided the commissioners are willing.

Mears states that two major problems immediately confront the western outdoor writers, namely, the accelerated program of the bureau of reclamation and U. S.

Farmers Get Less Than Half Of Consumer Dollar

Farmers received an average of 49 cents of the dollar that consumers spent for farm products in May 1951, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The other 51 cents went to pay marketing agencies for their services. From February through April, the farmer's share was 51 cents.

The farmer's share was largest for meat products and smallest for grain products; the latter including bread, flour, and several other highly processed products.

By classes of food, the farmer in May got an average of 67 cents of the dollar spent for meat, 66 cents for poultry and eggs, 64 cents for dairy products, 33 cents for fruits and vegetables, and 27 cents for grain products.

DR. EDGAR DANNER left this week to meet his wife and daughter in Yellowstone National park.

Army Corps of Engineers of dam construction and water diversions and the consequent damage to waterfowl, salmon and steelhead, and access to public domain and the big game problem thereon created by possible increased livestock grazing.

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Among Porterville district breeders who will show hogs at the state fair are: Barnswich ranch, Clarence Gibson and A. D. Graves & Son.

Art Snell, Visalia, has been named to the newly created post of Tulare county road commissioner.

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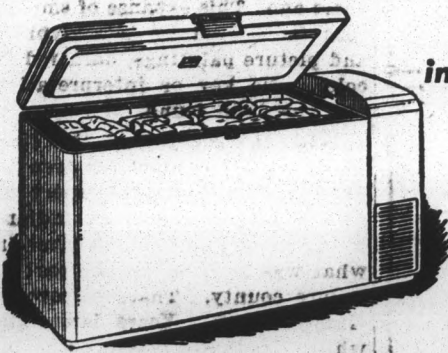
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STAY OUT OF THE LAUNDRY BUSINESS

We can look only with disapproval at contemplated plans to put Tulare county in the laundry business.

We say this because we believe that private business can take care of Tulare county's laundry; because we believe that government should curb a modern tendency to reach further and further into the fields of business; because we doubt that the county can operate a laundry as efficiently as can private individuals and because we have no confidence in the ability of the county to save the taxpayers money on this type of deal.

As reported from the county courthouse, an item of \$30,000 has been set aside in the current budget for a county laundry building, to be constructed at the county hospital in Tulare. The laundry would be designed to serve the entire laundry needs of county institutions — the Springville hospital, the Sequoia home, the county jail and county road camps.

County Purchasing Agent E. L. Allen, who with County Hospital Administrator James McFarland has made a study of the laundry situation, stated that total cost for a laundry might run \$60,000, including the building. He said that the county laundry bill is now running \$3,600 to \$4,000 per month and that last year, the county spent \$44,000 for laundry. On a basis of these figures, he estimates that the county could save \$15,000 per year with its own laundry.

At present, the county has its laundry done by private business on a basis of bids. And from what we can gather, those bids are strictly competitive and low enough. We can see no reason for the county to spend \$60,000, or any other amount, on a laundry to go into competition with private individuals who pay county taxes and who hire workers who also pay county taxes.

A theoretical case can be built for putting the county into many types of business. But we doubt that efficiency records have ever been set by any governmental agency engaged in any type of business. Usual procedure is that the more business government agencies get involved in, the higher taxes go.

Not only laundrymen, but all business men, and that includes farmers, should oppose this move by the county. It is a step in the wrong direction; a step that should not be taken.

HOSPITAL ROCK HISTORY IS TOLD

By Harold G. Rainwater

High up, six miles from the Sequoia National Park headquarters at Ash Mountain, in the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National parks, stands the famous Hospital rock.

Hospital rock is a mammoth glacial boulder about 60 feet long and 20 feet thick. It overhangs in such a way that there is a circular room under one side.

This natural dwelling place is 30 feet long and seven feet high. It is possible for more than 50 people to sit in this room.

It is only fitting to mention

that when the whole area was a great Indian ranch territory, the room under Hospital rock was used for tribal gatherings.

Hospital rock has always been a popular visiting spot for the many thousands of visitors and tourists who come to Tulare County's Sequoia and Kings Canyon National parks.

We have it on the word of historians that the rock is of great historic interest and is surrounded by an atmosphere of romance. Before the white men came to the area and for a short period after that, Indians from all over the state used it as a meeting place.

In fact, the massive natural house under the rock served as a storehouse for supplies, a hospital for the sick and for newborn babies and as a general headquarters for the Indians of the Potwisha tribe.

The south side of Hospital rock is a smooth, perpendicular surface, 20 x 30 feet, where the boulder split in two, many thousands of years ago. This expanse of smooth rock is covered by hieroglyphics and picture paintings, dark red in color. No key or interpretation has ever been found.

Hale D. Tharp was the first white man to enter the area in 1856 and in a special report he said he discovered 2,000 Indians living along the Kaweah river in what was later to become part of Tulare county. Tharp discovered Hospital rock. Years later, the whites gradually replaced the Indians until Hospital rock was the last Indian residence. Tharp named the rock "Hospital Rock" after two white hunters were

ASK TWO PER CENT INCREASE IN WHEAT PLANTINGS

California 1952 wheat goal of 725,000 acres represents only a small increase over the estimated 1951 planted acreage of 710,000 acres. Under normal conditions the desired 1952 acreage will produce 12,180,000 bushels of wheat as compared with an estimated state production of 10,548,000 bushels in 1951.

The requested goal may be attained if California wheat farmers increase their plantings by only two percent over 1951. Next year's national wheat goal will be 78,850,000 acres which should produce 1,165,000,000 bushels, nearly 100 million bushels more than this year's estimated production.

As in the case of feed grains, the wheat goal was designed to meet all foreseeable requirements and to build up an adequate reserve stock in order to be on the safe side in any emergency.

WANTED! MEN TO ENTER RAISIN PIE CONTEST

Officials in charge of the "Best Raisin Pie" contest to be held at the Tulare County fair this year are extending an official invitation for men to enter the contest.

"Men are welcome — we want them to enter — as long as they can bake a raisin pie that will stand up to the terrific competition we expect," said John Arthur Reynolds, manager of the Central Valley Empire Association.

"Everyone is eligible," said Mr. Reynolds. "All we ask is that they bake a pie containing raisins — it does not have to be of raisins alone — and submit it to the judges."

The winner of the contest last year was Mrs. Marietta Bates of Tulare. Among her trophies was a large gold cup that she will surrender to the winner this year. This will be only one of the awards to the winner of the best raisin pie contest.

CERTIFIED SEED IS BIG BUSINESS

Certified seed is a \$10,000,000 industry in California. The operation and function of the California Crop Improvement association in this big business will be one of the main topics of discussion at the Agronomy Fall Field day at Davis, Friday, September 7.

F. G. Parsons, university agronomist who will lead the discussions, states that the production of certified seed in California is

given assistance there.

The rock is now one of the main tourist attractions and a modern, free public campground is now provided by the federal government at the same spot where the Indians camped near the rock.

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DELEGATES ARE NAMED FOR TWO-DAY 4-H CLUB CONVENTION ON DAVIS CAMPUS

Fifty 4-H club delegates from Tulare county plan to attend the annual 4-H club convention that is slated for the Davis campus August 29 to 31, with delegates from the southeastern Tulare county area including:

Georgia Holly, Alta Vista; Joy Overstreet, Burton; Betty Muller, Ducor; Gene Tartaglia, Earlimart; Celia Webb, Lindsay; Ethel Beav-

er, Pleasant View; Gerald Bowles, Prairie Center; Dwight Wilson, Richgrove; U. A. Hatfield, Springville.

Bernice Branch, Strathmore; Karen Mays, Success Valley; Clive Nagel and Alberta Nagel, Surprise; Lee Baker, Tipton; Janice Cabibi, Ultra; Jo Ellen Wilson, Vandallia and Joe Ashworth, Woodville.

One feature of the convention will be a discussion of "The Cow in the Atomic Age," with a tracer team composed of graduate students at the college of agriculture under the supervision of Max Kleiber, professor of animal husbandry, to demonstrate how radioactive elements are used in animal science.

The two-day conference will also include other demonstrations of new ideas in agriculture and homemaking, plus a statewide talent show and dress revue. Al Pearce, radio entertainer, will judge the talent show, which is open to any 4-H Club member in California.

Low Temperatures Not Necessary For Shipping Early Spuds

It is neither necessary nor desirable to have low temperatures for shipping early potatoes, according to Leonard Morris of the truck crops division of the University of California college of agriculture.

Mr. Morris, in a cooperative survey with the Fresno laboratory of the USDA, recently accompanied a string of freight cars carrying potatoes from Kern county to eastern markets.

Since potatoes need a warmer temperature than full icing affords, the practical solution according to Mr. Morris and his co-workers is to permit the ice to become low or even depleted during transit. "Half-stage" icing proved adequate when fan cars were used, he said. Initially iced, they required only one or two re-icings on the 3,000 mile journey.

During the test run, readings were made two or three times each day and from several positions in the cars. After reaching their destination in the eastern markets, the potatoes were also observed for keeping quality.

California lamb crop is 1,258,000 head, three per cent greater than in 1950.

carried on by more than 1500 growers on a total of approximately 112,500 acres. California growers are producing certified forage crop seeds for use in other areas of the United States.

Farm Advisor Ralph L. Worrell announces that all interested farmers are invited to attend the field day, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the University of California at Davis.

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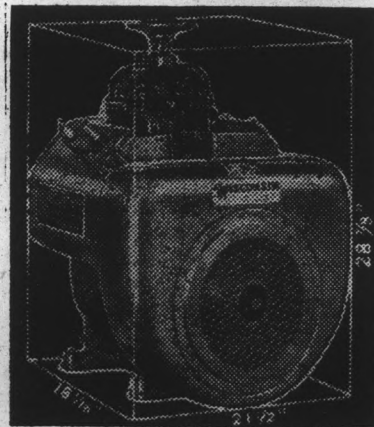
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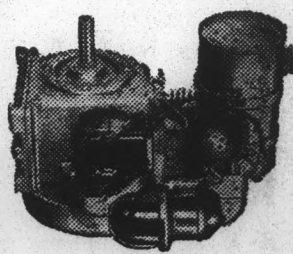
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MARILYN WILSON WILL REPRESENT TULARE COUNTY IN 4-H DRESS REVIEW AT CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR AUGUST 30

Marilyn Wilson, Success Valley 4-H club members, will represent Tulare county in a 4-H club dress review that will feature the Thursday evening program, August 30, of the California State fair at Sacramento. Prior to appearing in the state contest, Miss Wilson will attend the annual 4-H Club convention at Davis;

competition at the fair will be state-wide.

Miss Wilson will model her navy blue 100% wool suit judged outstanding in both clothing construction and fit at the county dress revue held last May 4, at Tulare, where she received a portable sewing machine, first prize award presented by Ernest Korte of Tulare. Last year she was named the 1950 Clothing Achievement winner, which was based on outstanding construction and clothing project work.

Dress Revue winners are selected not only for the workmanship that goes into their clothes, but also for their suitability and cost. The girls are also judged on their posture, poise and grooming, and on the accessories they choose to wear with their costume.

The winner chosen at Davis will receive a trip to Chicago in November and will appear in the National 4-H Club Dress revue at the 4-H Club congress.

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COMMON TREES USUALLY BEST IN HOME GARDEN

By Karl W. Opitz
Farm Advisor

Home gardens should only rarely include unusual trees and shrubs. The most easily grown plants are usually the ones that give the greatest satisfaction.

A good rule for the home gardener to follow is: When in doubt, choose trees and shrubs like your neighbors, or repeat your own planting. Great variety in planting only compounds the necessity for careful watch over fertilization, pruning, pest control and irrigation.

Trees and shrubs in your community that are most often used are generally those that are the most satisfactory. It is amazing how many different kinds of plants one can choose from out of an ordinary city block. Not all are satisfactory, however, so pick out the best ones and give them a trial.

For those who may wish guidance in selecting their trees and shrubs, the pamphlet "Home Grounds Improvement in Tulare County" is available free of charge at the Agricultural Extension service, post office building, Visalia.

Rockford Bridge

Bid of Trehwitt, Shields and Fisher, of Fresno, at \$69,001.50, for reconstruction of the Rockford bridge west of Porterville has been approved by the county board of supervisors and the state highway department. The Rockford bridge was badly damaged during the flood of last November.

STATE SENATOR J. HOWARD WILLIAMS spoke Monday at a meeting of the Visalia chamber of commerce, his subject dealing with state public assistance laws.

EDWARD P. MITCHUM, Terra Bella, has enlisted in the regular army for three years and will be sent to Fort Ord for training.

STATE FARMERS ASKED TO SEED MORE BARLEY

California farmers are asked to seed 2,200,000 acres of barley for harvest next year according to the 1952 goal announcement made recently by Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan. Under normal conditions this acreage would be expected to produce 51,700,000 bushels of barley.

Next year's national barley goal, Secretary Brannan said, will be 12,865,000 acres, which should produce 290,000,000 bushels, over 27,000,000 bushels in excess of the 1951 estimate production.

The 1951 planted acreage of barley in California has been estimated by the California Crop and Livestock Reporting service at 2,016,000 acres.

Accordingly if the 1952 state goal of 2,200,000 acres is to be attained it will be necessary for the average barley grower to increase his 1952 plantings by approximately ten percent over 1951.

OPEN SEASONS

DEER — Ends September 16 in Coast Range counties between Glenn-Mendocino, and Orange-Riverside. (Central and south coastal areas). Bag limit; 2 bucks. Season begins September 22 elsewhere. Deer license required.

FROGS — Bag limits: 24 per day, 48 per week. Size limit: none under four inches from tip of nose to crotch. No license required.

TROUT — Ends October 31. Bag and possession limits: 15 trout, salmon, or whitefish, or combination. Angling hours: one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Local exceptions.

BLACK BASS, SUNFISH, CRAPPIE, SACRAMENTO PERCH — Bag limits: 5 black bass, 25 sunfish, crappie, perch. Local exceptions. No size limits.

STRIPED BASS — No closed season. Bag limit: 5 fish or 25 pounds and one fish, or 2 fish regardless of weight. Minimum size limit: 12 inches.

CATFISH — No closed season. Bag limit: 15 pounds and one fish. Night fishing permitted in Siskiyou, Shasta, Lake, and Modoc counties. Minimum size limit in Clear Lake only: 9 inches.

OCEAN FISH — No closed season in Pacific Ocean for salmon, trout, rockfish, tuna, yellowtail, marlin, broadbill swordfish, black sea bass, barracuda, white sea bass, bonita, rock bass, sand bass, kelp bass, halibut, corbina, croaker, lincol, and cabezone. Bag limits: 3 trout or salmon north of Monterey-San Luis Obispo County line; 2 south; 15 in aggregate, but not more than 10 of any one of other species listed above.

CLAMS — Opens September 1 in Humboldt and Monterey bay areas. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limits: 10 Pismo, 30 razor, 10 big neck, 10 Washington; no limit on jack knife clams.

COCKLES — Opens September 1 in all counties north of San Luis Obispo County. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limit: 50. Minimum size limit: 1 1/2 inches.

DOVE — Between September 1 and September 30. Shooting hours one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except September 1 when shooting starts at noon. Bag limit, 10.

Family Camp

A "Family Camp" for the entire family, will be held at the Tulare County YMCA Camp Tulequoia on Lake Sequoia over the weekend of September 1, 2 and 3. Full information can be obtained at the Y office in Visalia, 608 West Main, telephone 4-3198.

Farm Tribune Adds Get-Results

Shopping . . . with Betty

By Betty Scott

This is the time to stand up and be counted . . . now we find out what you are. To insure getting a garment factory for Porterville takes money and work. Those who add a bit to the Chamber of Commerce kitty, those who help with spreading the word will be known . . . those who drag their feet or actively tear down the project will be known too. Too often "Aginers" want to be anonymous; they fight . . . but not clean. We need just what SEARS ORDER OFFICE is offering. A "Visomatic" wringer on a semi-automatic electric washer! Then we'd see all while we cleaned 'em and put 'em through the wringer! Sears is offering their washer at special price this month, \$118.90. Call 1850 or 1851 and order yours now.

Seemed to me Ralph Posten was pretty sharp when he told me all about Glenn getting hit on the head by a baseball. He said Glenn had to take a day off and that he and Jeff had to work extra to keep things going. When I remarked that Glenn looked tired and needed a day off anyway . . . Ralph replied as he banged the screen door on his way out, "Yep, he sure used his head that time!" Not everybody has to be hit on the head in order to get what's best for 'em. Thousands of people send their film to EDWARDS PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO for developing and printing. More thousands call 1385-J for portraits. Get the fastest service and jumbo prints of your vacation snapshots at no extra cost . . . be sure your film goes to Edwards.

Many people are perfectly sincere in not wanting to see Porterville grow up and richer. They like to live in a small town, they enjoy the peace and quiet, the lack of hustle and bustle. Nobody is more hickish, backwoods, stick-in-the-mud than I . . . no one cares less for hustle and bustle. But, I think we could have a little more money to circulate without turning us into a rat-race. We can still keep quiet, move at a leisurely pace, and enjoy life; in fact, with only a few extra dollars, I could be lots lazier than I am now. Nobody could beat that! Lots more like me, too. Why don't you join us and go to FLORENCE PEAK'S BEAUTY SALON, 2nd. and Harrison? Plenty of free parking in the shade, no traffic, you don't have to get dressed up and there are three expert operators to serve you. Call 107-W and have your hair styled to suit you. Hair cutting and permanents are their specialty.

Keep your eye on West Olive. The highway right-of-way buyers have given notice, I hear, that buildings in the way will have to be vacated by January. Means some businesses will be moving between now and then . . . or find themselves without a roof over their heads. How's your roof? Cedar shingles from the BREY-WRIGHT LUMBER CO. are the best possible roof over your head. Don't wait for the rains to come and cost you new furniture and inside paint and paper . . . get your cedar shingles on now and buy a roof only!



Looks like a pretty good dove and quail crop this year, though I haven't consulted Mr. Welch for the official word. Understand the grapes are sugaring up pretty well too. The asters are blooming beautifully now, kids are having a tailspin over getting the back to school fashion magazines and it gets harder and harder to wake up in the morning. Those are the signs . . . the time is nigh for thinking about fall clothes. Better look over your sweater and jacket supplies, your wool slacks and skirts. Time now to be sending PROCTORS CLEANERS the woollens you saved from last year. Time to send blankets to be cleaned. Football weather is on the way. Proctors will do a better job on your cleaning and give you retexting free.

Have you seen the street lights on the west side of town? Fancy! I haven't counted them all, but there's one on each end of Wisconsin and one at Olive Villa, that I know of. They should help to cut down on accidents; it's darn hard to see pedestrians in the dark. What are you doing to prevent accidents? Have you removed all the hazards possible? Do you have good insurance in case things get out of hand in spite of all you can do? You'll be smart to have LUMLEY-REED INSURANCE AGENCY go over all of your policies with you. You save money and have better coverage when one agency carries all of your policies. Most important of all, be sure that you have a complete inventory of all your insured belongings. Aub. and Earl will help you with the inventory, get the best coverage for your money, see Lumley-Reed now.

Lately I've had a chance to examine all the monthly magazines that are printed for women. What a job it must be to edit one of those things! They are the nicest bit of balancing I've seen. Just so much beauty hints, exactly the right number of recipes, accurately figured number of horror articles about "I am dieing of this-or-that," and the proper amount of how-wonderful is a family stuff, and a sweet and fluffy frosting of love stories over it all! Bet the life expectancy of one of those editors isn't much! I'd rather shop for the things Marie Brey does than shop for magazine stuffing. BREY'S BOOK SHELF, 600 N. "D", just received a new shipment of Marie's shoppings. Beautiful card table size cloths in gingham prints with solid colored napkins to match came in with the wedding jars you've been waiting for. The wedding jars are in crystal, and crystal and ruby. For the nicest choice in gifts that will please most . . . shop at Marie's.

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ECONOMICS PRECLUDES EMPLOYMENT OF MEXICAN NATIONALS IF DOMESTIC LABOR IS AVAILABLE TO FARMERS

San Joaquin valley farmers will look toward regular seasonal farm labor to handle most of the job of harvesting a record production from record acreage of agricultural products during the fall and winter harvest season, according to the Agricultural Labor Bureau of the San Joaquin valley, however, increased employment in defense industries and increased need in valley agriculture has created a situation in which regular farm labor forces will be inadequate to do the entire job.

Part of this shortage will be made up by the importation of Mexican National farm workers who will be brought in under the terms of the Poage-Ellender bill, now known as Public Law Seventy Eight. However, these men will not be employed unless the domestic worker supply is exhausted.

According to Norman R. Mc-

Laughlin, manager of the Agricultural Labor bureau, farmers will not employ the Nationals if local farm labor is available, for the following reasons:

If local workers are available, the certification of need for Mexicans will not be granted by the secretary of labor and their importation will not be allowed;

The Mexicans must be transported by the United States government from the interior of Mexico to the border and employers will be charged up to \$15 per man for this service;

The employer must provide transportation and subsistence from the border to the place of employment;

He must provide housing and feeding facilities for every man; He must pay the Mexicans the same wages as are being paid to domestic workers in the area for comparable jobs;

State Hospital Contracts Awarded

Contracts totaling \$3,028,000 were let last week on Porterville's state hospital, located east of Plano, with the following bids accepted by state public works director, Frank Durkee.

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And, when the job is finished, he must transport the workers back to Mexico.

McLaughlin added: "Simple economics preclude the employment of the Nationals if any domestic help is available. Farmers are urging everyone who is willing and able to work in the fields for a few days to contact the local office of the Farm Placement service. Wages are good, employment opportunities are great, and a few days work by a student, housewife, or white collar worker will provide a healthy boost for the family budget."

975,000, for general work.

The Porterville project calls for a new hospital - administration building, employees' housing, garage and school buildings, laundry building and a water supply booster station.

Other contracts awarded on the job were:

Electrical — \$164,173, Collins Electrical Co., Stockton.

Mechanical — \$509,811, B. A. Newman Co., Fresno.

Combined plumbing, heating and ventilating on the laundry building — \$86,000, Wilner Plumbing Supply Co., Los Angeles.

General work on laundry building — \$211,600, Trewhitt-Shields & Fisher, Fresno.

VALENCIAS STEADY

Prices on Southern California Valencia oranges held steady during the week ending August 18, with sales about 80 cars greater than the previous week, and with job averages about unchanged.

San Joaquin valley cantaloupe deal has passed its peak.

J. T. COOK, general secretary, Tulare county YMCA, and JACK IRMIE, associate secretary, are attending summer institute of the Pacific Southwest Area association of YMCA secretaries at Asilomar.

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD KECK, Porterville, are the parents of an eight-pound, 12 ounce son, JEFFREY, born Tuesday morning at the Porterville hospital.

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IF YOU live in the country, Joe Leaver, shown in insert above, is the man who will pick up and deliver your laundry and dry cleaning; if you live in the city, Clyde Churchill, shown in lower insert, is the man who will answer your call.

AND WHEN your laundry reaches the plant, L. T. Curley, who has been at the laundry for 20 years and who is shown beside a modern Monel metal washing machine, takes over to do a thorough, yet gentle job, on your wash.

SCHEDULE FOR the country area pickup is: Monday, Woodville, Cotton Center and Poplar; Tuesday, Ducor and Terra Bella; Wednesday, Lindsay, Strathmore and Welcome district; Thursday, Springville and Success. Both pickup and returns are made on these days, however, you can shorten this time by either leaving your laundry or dry cleaning at the Porterville plant and asking for delivery, or giving it to Mr. Leaver, then picking it up in Porterville.

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IN COMMENTING on developments in the 20 years that he has been at the plant, Mr. Curley says that many changes in machinery have been made, however the most important change as far as the customer is concerned is the use of much softer soaps and bleaching materials and the elimination of the old-fashioned caustic that used to be so hard on clothes. Washing process is much faster now, Mr. Curley states, thereby making the washing easy on clothes.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLYDE R. WHEELER, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Clyde R. Wheeler, Deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Tulare, in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to exhibit said claims with necessary vouchers within six months, to said administratrix at the office of Guy Knupp, Jr., located at 400 Second Street, in the city of Porterville, county of Tulare, state of California, which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of Clyde R. Wheeler, Deceased.

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building.

This fact, if there was any doubt about it before, became plainly evident at last Monday's appearance of members of the present Porterville Veterans' Memorial district board when they appeared at a meeting of the Porterville Grange. One of the predominant points made by board members, Monday, in attempting to justify condemnation of Sinarle property as a memorial building site was that this location is adjacent to Porterville high school; that a memorial building there could be of service to the high school. And, strange as it may seem, the original intent of the memorial district idea — the providing of meeting places for veterans — was shoved far into the background.

Of course, this is not strange, since the two organized veteran groups in Porterville sometime ago completed their own buildings for use as meeting places and social centers.

And may we pause here to clarify one point. When we speak of the veterans' memorial district, we are speaking generally. When we speak of board members of this district, we are speaking of men who were elected by general vote.

We are not speaking of the American Legion nor the Veterans of Foreign Wars. These organizations have taken no part in operation of the Porterville Veterans' Memorial district, other than to send representatives to the original meeting back in 1946 when formation of a district was discussed.

The Legion and VFW, as organizations, have nothing to do with operation of the Veterans' Memorial district; neither organization, as far as we know, has concerned itself as an organization with operation of the memorial district. Both the Legion and VFW have gone ahead and constructed their own buildings with their own funds; they are not to be blamed or praised for anything the memorial district has done.

But it is worth remembering that when these two veteran organizations — the only two in Porterville — provided meeting places for themselves, they took care of the main objective of a memorial district — the providing of meeting places for veterans. From a practical standpoint, this action left the Porterville memorial district with only its original secondary function to perform — that of making a veterans building available for public use, provided the board of directors of the memorial district sees fit to open its building to public use.

Now, to get on with our history.

When plans were first brought to public attention concerning for-

mation of a Porterville Veterans' Memorial district to include the area of the Porterville high school and college district, both Terra Bella and Ducor bucked; both communities immediately filed necessary papers with the county board of supervisors asking for districts of their own. And petitions of both communities contained considerable overlapping area.

Statements from Terra Bella were to the effect that an auditorium in Porterville would do Terra Bella little good. At least one statement from Ducor was to the effect that Ducor did not want to be in with Terra Bella; that it would rather be in a Porterville district.

Upshot was that Terra Bella went ahead and voted in a district of its own that included generally the Terra Bella area, Ducor, and the California Hot Springs country.

Vote was heavily in favor in Terra Bella, not so heavy in other community areas of the Terra Bella Memorial district.

Following this action, Porterville went ahead and on January 17, 1947, voted in a Memorial district that included the area of the Porterville high school district, excepting that area already taken into the Terra Bella district. And vote in this election — 416 favoring district formation, 180 against — followed a pattern similar to Terra Bella.

In Porterville, the vote was 3-1 in favor; at Poplar the issue carried by only one vote; at Springville the vote was against district formation, 33-10.

It would seem to us that voting in the Porterville election and formation of the Terra Bella district indicated that residents of communities near Porterville were not exactly sold on the idea of paying taxes for an auditorium in Porterville; that if auditoriums were to be paid for by them, they wanted them in their own communities.

This supposition is borne out by recent action from Springville residents that has resulted in the Porterville Veterans' Memorial board agreeing to construct a building in Springville. And certainly, Springville is justified in asking for expenditures of an amount in its community somewhere near equal to memorial district taxes the Springville community is paying.

But that suggests another pos-

TULE BRIDGE BIDS CALLED NEXT MONTH

Bids for construction of a bridge across Tule river at the "old Plano crossing" will be opened September 12, it was announced this week.

State and county funds will be used for the project. On a basis of plans prepared by the office of County Road Commissioner Wayne Switzer, estimated cost is \$208,985.

James Andreas Wins Showmanship

James Andreas, Earlimart 4-H, won a showmanship contest that was given as a feature of California Hampshire Swine association sale, held Friday in Tulare. Prizes were a personal gold trophy, a traveling trophy for the Earlimart 4-H chapter and a Hampshire gilt.

High price in the sale was \$200, paid by H. J. Jensen, of Del Rey, for White Oaks Zora, a bred gilt consigned by George Hensley of Sanger. Average price on bred gilts was \$112.54; on open gilts, \$52.95 and boars, \$113.22. Sale average was \$94.55.

A pattern has now been set. Poplar, and Cotton Center, possibly other small communities, would also be justified in asking that memorial buildings be constructed in their territories. And the Porterville Veterans' Memorial district is not legally limited to any specific number of buildings.

So from the original idea of a meeting place for veterans comes a public auditorium-recreation center-school building for Porterville and a community building for Springville.

Members of the present Porterville Veterans' Memorial district stated Monday night that they are anxious to raise sufficient money then lower the memorial district tax rate to an amount necessary only for building maintenance.

But they have not determined what a "sufficient amount" is. And we remember that this same board once went on record saying it would not condemn property for a veterans' memorial building.

The board changed its mind on that one — but definitely. It could change its mind again.

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The project is being financed through the issuing of warrants by the Improvement district. Payment on these warrants extends over a period of 10 years, with one-tenth of the amount, plus interest, payable each year; the entire amount could also be paid off.

On this basis, cost runs about \$10 per acre, or about \$14 per acre if interest is included for 10 years. The canal touches each section in the Improvement district; farmers must provide their own system of water transportation from the district canal to their land.

Amount due each year is included in the Lower Tule River Irrigation district tax that is paid by those farmers in Improvement District No. 1. It is expected the canal will be completed this fall; it will be ready for use along its entire length when pre-irrigation is started early next spring.

Actual planning of the canal and administration of Improvement District No. 1 is handled by a committee of farmers within the district and by officials of the Lower Tule River Irrigation district. On the farmer committee are: Malon Levis, Ben Lapadula, Sam Slaughter, John Warnock and

GRAPES ARE THIRD RANKING CROP NATIONALLY

Farm income from grapes made them the third-ranking crop nationally and first in California among all fruits and tree nuts for the calendar year 1950, revised annual estimates of the U. S. Department of Agriculture show.

The national cash return to farmers from the grape crop was set at \$185,135,000 by the June 1951 Farm Income Situation Bulletin just released by the department's Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This compared with the national return of \$283,730,000 from apples and \$259,882,000 from oranges.

California grape growers received \$154,480,000 from their crop, \$5,596,000 more than the total return to farmers from all California citrus crops. Oranges were in second place among the state's fruit and tree nuts with a value of \$77,936,000.

John Bettencourt.

Formation of Improvement districts within the Lower Tule Irrigation district was first planned in order that problems in certain areas of the larger Lower Tule district could be efficiently met and in order that individual farmers would pay only for benefits that they receive directly.

MEMORIAL BOARD DISCUSSES PLANS AND ACTION

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000, that on a basis of appraisals the board had then offered \$60,000 for the property, with provisions for a life estate for Mrs. Catherine Sinarle and with provisions for income from a Union Oil company service station lease to go to the Sinarles.

He said that he believed this was a fair offer for the approximately nine acres. He said that Sinarle interests ask \$113,000 for the property.

Mr. Lumley said that other locations had been considered, that real estate men had been contacted concerning other memorial building locations, that the board had scoured the town for other locations. He said a memorial auditorium might be built to seat 2,000 persons; that parking space requirements call for 300 square feet of parking area for each five persons the auditorium could accommodate.

Green Mill property in Porterville has been offered to the Memorial board, Mr. Lumley said, but the approximately five-acre site had not met requirements of the board.

Mr. Gilliam said that by placing the auditorium on Sinarle property, taxpayers will be saved a quarter of a million dollars, since the high school can use the building and will not have to build an auditorium of its own. He said maximum use should be made of a memorial building; that he believed the county planning commission would look with favor on the Sinarle location.

Mr. Wall said that the present board started with an open mind concerning building location. He said Nick Joannides, former chairman of the memorial district board had believed the entire Sinarle property could be bought for \$50,000 or \$75,000. He said board members looked at maps of the community and considered other property; meanwhile, the board was informed the Sinarle property was not for sale.

He told of negotiations with the Porterville high school board when it was thought a combination gymnasium and auditorium might be placed on school property. He said that the architect for the high school, after studying the problem, said that construction costs for a combination building of this type would be much too high. He said there was also a problem of administration if the high school used a memorial district building; that eventually the cooperative plan was given up.

He called to attention the fact that the memorial board has on record a letter stating that the high school board would look with favor on location of a memorial auditorium close to the high school. The statement was made by Mr. Lumley that the high school board would consider constructing an underpass or overpass over Olive street of a memorial building was placed on Sinarle property.

Mr. Lumley said if a memorial building was placed on school property, the high school would have to control the building; but the Memorial district must control its building, therefore the two boards could not get together.

Mr. Wall said that certain types of joint installations, with the Sierra View hospital, that now owns adjacent property such as heating and cooling, in addition to parking area, could possibly be utilized.

It was stated there would be no bar in the memorial building.

Mr. Wall said that few if any of the memorial districts in California are operating smoothly; C. H. Weed brought up the question of where a policy of condemnation for such things as a

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memorial building will lead to in the next 20 years; Mr. Lumley said the only issue of condemnation is to establish price, that the property always has been for sale, but that a price of \$113,000 is too high, that the board must protect the taxpayers' money.

Mr. Wall mentioned that condemnation action often occurs in connection with highways and schools. Mr. Weed said the memorial board is not building highways and schools. Mr. Wall said the question of condemnation is one of personal opinion.

R. M. Pixley, Springville, said that since taxpayers' money is being used, no one has the right to hold up the taxpayer on matter of principle. He said he favored the condemnation as a protection for the taxpayer.

Mr. Wall said the board originally was not in favor of condemnation, but eventually condemned property in order to get the best deal for the taxpayer; he said the board is anxious to do its job right then get the memorial district tax off the roles.

Mrs. Will Wittet said that none of our homes are safe if a group like that can come in and condemn.

Dan Williamson said that this will probably be the last chance for any public group to get the Sinarle property.

Mr. Lumley said the Sinarle property is near the high school and is adjacent to the city, making sewage lines and water available. Mr. Lumley said he wished the board could find another suitable building location.

Mr. Knupp said that legally it is the job of the board to find a building site and construct a building as economically as possible; he said board members are acting as agents for the district; that they are not justified in paying more than property is worth.

Mrs. Helen White said that condemnation should not be handled loosely; that a community cannot get along without highways and schools, but she believed it could get along without a memorial building. She said that an auditorium would be a wonderful thing for the community, but that it should not be built through condemnation.

Following discussion involving the saving of taxpayers' money, Mrs. Whittet observed that someone is always saying they are saving the taxpayers' money but "we never see taxes reduced."

Mr. Wall said that the board approved a memorial building for Springville, since Springville people paid taxes into the district. Mr. Gilliam said that the \$8,000 the district expects to pay for a

LOWER TULE MOVES

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tions or complaints concerning assessed valuation of their lands can appear at these equalization hearings to voice their opinions.

Concerning flow of Central Valley project water, the district will receive 84,000 acre feet this season, with flow to continue generally in the district until August 25 and in Improvement District No. 1 until about September 15.

Originally, the district had asked for 200,000 acre feet of water. This was cut to 100,000 acre feet, then later to 84,000 acre feet, on a basis of available supply.

Water received by the district was Class 2 up to August 1; after that water was Class 1, with season supply amounting to 13 per cent Class 1.

building site of approximately 2.6 acres is a reasonable price. Mr. Pixley discussed need for a general purpose building in Springville.

Mr. Lumley said that present board members were on the Memorial district board because they had been asked to serve; that they have received nothing for their services, not even out-of-pocket expense money and that only expenditure by the district has been for land appraisal and attorney fees.

Mr. Gilliam said that if anyone submits other building sites, they should be sure the sites are for sale.

Mr. Lumley said that as a result of condemnation of Sinarle property, no one will be put out into the street. He said board members believe they are right and that they are not trying to make personal issues. He said that in the last two or three years few if any people have attended meetings of the memorial district board.

The statement was made that if the memorial district was dissolved, district funds would go into Tulare county general funds.

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